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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Steven R. Leong, et al.

Application No.: 09/725,324

Filed: November 28, 2000

For: CYTOKINE POLYPEPTIDES AND
NUCLEIC ACIDS

Examiner: Carolyn L. Smith

Art Unit: 1631

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Transmittal Form is also enclosed herewith.

Restriction/Election.

Claims 1-183 are presently pending. In the Office Action, the Examiner has restricted the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121, requiring Applicants to elect one of the following claim groups for prosecution in the present application:

- I. Claims 1-36, 75-76, 82-83, 85-122, 161-162, 168-169, and 171-172, drawn to a nucleic acid, cell, vector, and composition.